

COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS**IN ASCENDING ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR**

1. (Currently Amended) A hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet comprising from 3 to 20 % by mass of fibrillated rayon comprising primary larger non-micro fibers and smaller microfibers extending therefrom from the larger non-micro fibers, and a balance being non-fibrillated rayon and pulp having a length of at most 10 mm,
wherein primary larger non-micro fibers have a length in a range of from 2.5 to 6.5 mm at a peak of mass distribution thereof, smaller microfibers having a length of at most 1 mm account for from 0.1 to 50% by mass of a self-weight of the fibrillated rayon, and the microfibers are hydroentangled with each other or with other fibers, and wherein
a surface friction resistance of the fibrous sheet when dry, measured according to an abrasion resistance test method of JIS P-8136, is at least three rubbing cycles.
2. (Currently Amended) The hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet as claimed in claim 1, of which the surface friction resistance of the fibrous sheet in when wet is at least three rubbing cycles.
3. (Currently Amended) The hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet as claimed in claim 1, of which the surface is pressed under heat so that the smaller microfibers of the fibrillated rayon in the surface are hydrogen-bonded to at least either of other microfibers and other fibers therein.
4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fibrous sheet has a multi-layered structure including a layer not containing the fibrillated rayon.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) The hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein the degree of fineness of the fibrillated rayon is in a range falls between 1.1 and 1.9 dtex.
9. (Currently Amended) The hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein the weight of the fibers is in range falls between 20 and 100 g/m².
10. (Currently Amended) The hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet as claimed in claim 1, of which the decomposability in water, measured according to JIS P-4501, is at most 200 seconds.
11. (Original) The hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet as claimed in claim 1, of which the wet strength is at least 1.1 N/25 mm.
12. (Currently Amended) The hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet as claimed in claim 1, of which the dry strength is at least 3.4 N/25 mm.
13. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet, comprising:
 - (A) a step of sheeting fibers into a fibrous web, in which the fibers contain fibrillated rayon that comprises larger non-microfibers primary fibers having a predetermined fiber length and smaller microfibers extending from the larger non-microfibers primary fibers and has a

degree of beating of at most 700 cc, and

(B) a step of pressing the fibrous web wet under heat while the surface of the fibrous web is wetted with water, whereby the smaller microfibers existing in the surface are hydrogen-bonded to at least either of other microfibers and other fibers therein.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for producing a the hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet as claimed in claim 13, which includes a step (C) of processing the fibrous web through water-jetting treatment between the step (A) and the step (B).